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2004 NAD Conference - Eye to the Future

The 47th Biennial National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, from July 6-10, 2004. Andrew Lange, president of the National Association of the Deaf will preside. The theme of this year's conference is, "Eye to the Future of Deaf America." There will be more than 2,500 deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing NAD members, professionals, parents, young people, and organizational, service, federal, and business representatives will spend very busy days. Attending NAD Conferences, for some, is a tradition, yet everyone who attends does so for different reasons such as:

- ✓ Speak out, provide feedback, and make recommendations to the NAD for the coming years.
- ✓ Eat some great BBQ!
- ✓ Enhance your career by networking and expanding your job opportunities.
- ✓ Improve your professional and personal skills and knowledge at work shops.
- ✓ Discover the newest gadgets, products, and services in the exhibit hall.
- ✓ Catch up with old friends and make new ones.
- ✓ Travel and explore a new city.
- ✓ Witness the crowning of the new Miss Deaf America.
- ✓ Cheer for your favorite college bowl team.

**Info: <http://nad.org/conf/> or
nadconf@nad.org**

Bucco Sponsors Legislation for Hearing Aid Coverage

March 30, 2004
Contact: Senator Bucco

Senator Anthony R. Bucco (R-25)
(973) 627-9700 Voice

DENVILLE, NJ - State Senator Anthony R. Bucco recently welcomed Grace and Jeanine Gleba to his legislative office to discuss with them the high cost of hearing aids and Senate Bill 1253, which has been designated as "Grace's Law" in her honor. "Grace's Law" requires certain health insurers to provide coverage for hearing aids for covered persons 18 and younger.

Senator Bucco introduced "Grace's Law" in February after making significant revisions to similar legislation that he introduced last session. Specifically, the legislation requires hospital, medical and health service corporations, commercial insurers, health maintenance organizations, health benefits plans issued pursuant to the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage and Small Employer Health Benefits Programs, the State Health Benefits Program and the NJ FamilyCare Program to provide coverage for medically necessary expenses incurred in the purchase of a hearing aid for covered children 18 years of age or younger.

"This legislation provides our hard of hearing school children the resources necessary to live up to their full potential," noted Senator Bucco. "Without hearing aids, a child who cannot hear well in the classroom usually falls behind. He or she could cost the State thousands of dollars in additional educational assistance, and still never catch up to his or her peers." By ensuring that our young people have appropriate hearing aids at an early age, we will help ensure that they have an active voice in the future."

"Hearing impaired children are entitled to the same rights and deserve the all the same opportunities as a 'normal' hearing child. At a minimum, these children deserve the same quality of life," said Jeanine Gleba. "This legislation affords hearing impaired children with these rights and opportunities, and will enable them to be productive members of society."

"I would like to thank Grace and Jeanine for their assistance in formulating the best possible legislation, and I look forward to working with them to move "Grace's Law" swiftly through the legislative process, said Senator Bucco."

Grace Gleba is a 4-year-old hearing impaired child from Washington in Warren County. Hearing aids can cost upwards of \$6,000 and growing children often need a new set every three years. Photos of Grace and Senator Bucco can be e-mailed upon request.

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Deadline for submissions: First of the month for the following month's edition

Monthly Communicator Deadlines

This is a reminder that the July and August issues of the Monthly Communicator are combined. Therefore, the submission deadline for this summer issue is June 1st.

Rubella's Lasting Impact

By: Medstar.com, From the newsroom of the News 14 Carolina (Cable TV),
Raleigh, North Carolina, Wednesday, March 17, 2004
reprinted with permission

Like polio and smallpox, rubella or German measles has virtually been eliminated in the U.S. When the last epidemic swept the country 40 years ago, many pregnant women experienced such mild symptoms they didn't even know they had rubella, but an estimated 20,000 of their babies were born with a host of serious health problems. Now an unknown number of those "rubella babies," may get even sicker as adults.

Stephen Wenzler, 39, was a "rubella baby." Born with congenital rubella syndrome or CRS, he grew up deaf with limited vision and a heart defect. Now, as an adult, he has more health problems. "My vision became fuzzy and I already had a corneal transplant but it didn't appear to be working well," Stephen said, through an interpreter. "Very recently, my family doctor discovered I have Type Two Diabetes."

At the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults in New York, Nancy O'Donnell heard many tales of adult rubella children developing serious late onset medical conditions. So she surveyed the center's more than 900-case database.

"We found high instances of diabetes in the group, glaucoma, and we also found esophageal problems, gagging, vomiting, problems with eat-

ing, some thyroid disorders, hormonal problems and in very rare cases a degenerative process in the whole body," O'Donnell said.

Everyone wondered - could these adult problems be linked to rubella?



"If we could get that documentation then it would really improve the kinds of services and care, in terms of long term care as well," O'Donnell continued.

O'Donnell is spearheading a project with the CDC to find out if biological markers of the rubella virus persist in the body into adulthood. Such markers could be used to definitively diagnose the condition.

Despite his medical uncertainties, Stephen is getting ready for a career in computers.

According to Stephen, "I'm planning to go out into the world of work and I wanna fully function out there." Knowing what to expect with his health could be a big help in planning his future.

During this year's 40th anniversary of the last U.S. rubella outbreak, the Helen Keller National Center hopes to raise awareness of CRS and spur the medical community to do more research.

For information about the study, visit the Helen Keller National Center Web site, <http://www.hknc.org/Rubella.htm>.

Gallaudet Offers Summer Program for Talented and Gifted Deaf Teenagers

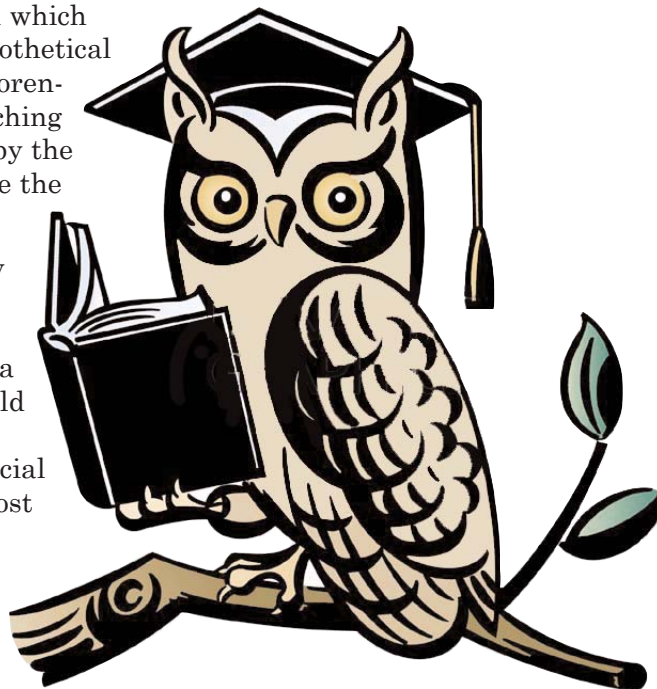
Gallaudet University will offer a Young Scholar's Program consisting of four sessions for talented and gifted deaf and hard of hearing high school students this summer.

From July 11 to July 23, students who are interested in forensic science can attend the Crimes and Clues program. Students will be introduced to the unique ways in which forensic scientist must think as they attempt to solve a hypothetical case. Students will also be exposed to the many aspects of forensic science and how these aspects come together when searching a crime scene. Each day a new clue will be introduced and by the end of the two-week session, students will be asked to "solve the crime." Cost for this session is \$1,000.

Students interested in creating their own business someday can attend the Open for Business session which is co-sponsored by the Gallaudet University Business Department from July 11 to July 23. This session will focus on building a "business" through simulations, seminars, and academic field trips to corporate sites in the DC Metro area. Students will make decisions on organization, accounting, methods, financial resources, marketing strategies, and operating decisions. Cost for this two-week session is \$600.

A new program this year is the YSP Film Camp: Lights! Camera! Action! From July 25 to August 6. YSP is having an open audition for filling the role of the next generation Steven Spielberg or Spike Lee. Film camp will provide each student with intensive hands-on instruction on how the disciplines of writing, directing, cinematography and editing combine to form the language of filmmaking. Students will use 3 CCD Chip Digital Video cameras, computer non-linear editing suites and professional screenwriting software to create their projects. Upon completion of the course, students will have produced one narrative film and one documentary that will later be entered into national film festival contests. Cost for this two-week session is \$1,000.

Something for the whole family is being offered from August 1 to August 6. Washington, DC-the Great American Adventure, offers a special and exciting week for 7th and 8th graders and a parent to experience Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. Attendees will have the opportunity to live on campus and participate in specifically designed YSP activities. Tours of historical sites in Washington will be included. Cost for this session is \$1,000 for one student and one parent.



NJSD/MKSD Alumni Class Reunion

Attention: NJSD/MKSD Alumni Members

My name is Ann (Adamca) Downs, class of 1972. I am chairperson for the NJSD/MKSD Alumni Class Reunion. I want to let you know about our plans for the next NJSD/MKSD Alumni Class Reunion in 2006. I will send you further information about it. But first, I need your help by providing the update of your full name (with maiden name), home address, e-mail address, phone, Voice, TTY, Fax and the year you graduated. This will be kept confidential for the alumni reunion committee purpose only. Please get back to me as soon as you can so we can make this as successful as possible. E-mail information to; AlumniNJSDMKSD@aol.com

Info: <http://ysp.gallaudet.edu> or write to Summer and Saturday @ Gallaudet, 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002 or phone 800-383-9931 V/TTY, or summer@gallaudet.edu.

Camden County Library System welcomes Deaf and Hard of Hearing Customers at Open House

The Camden County Library System's Voorhees Branch celebrated Deaf History/Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Awareness Month with programs and new resources for the region's deaf community on Tuesday, March 30. Visitors to the library received interpreted tax assistance as well as free audio screenings. Younger patrons from the Gloucester County Special Services District were treated to an interpreted, interactive storytime in the children's department. The library also introduced its new collection of over 200 ASL videotapes housed in a case donated by the Comcast Corporation. The collection features videotapes on ASL poetry, comedy, stories, drama, debate, discussions and instruction. Last year, the Camden County Library System joined the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped as one of the state's regional resource centers. As a regional resource center, the library has expanded its collection of books and videotapes for the deaf and hard of hearing, and it now loans out assisted listening devices.

For more information on the Camden County Library System and its programs and services, please call (856) 772-1636 or (856) 770-9685 (TTY) or visit the library online at: www.camden-countylibrary.org.



Nancy Bennett, branch manager of the South County Regional Branch Library in Atco, N.J., participated in a hearing screening at the Open House.



Roseanne Schatek interpreted a story for area kids at the Camden County Library System's recent Open House for the deaf community.



Governor McGreevey Visits DDHH Office

On March 16, 2004 Governor James E. McGreevey delighted staff workers in the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) and others in the Department of Human Services (DHS) by visiting them in their Trenton office. He thanked everyone for their diligent work and advocacy. The DDHH staff pose here with DHS Commissioner James Davy, far left, and Governor McGreevey right center.



Jason Weiland, Field Representative for the Deaf at DDHH, introduces himself to Governor McGreevey as Field Representative for the Hard of Hearing. Traci Burton and Executive Assistant Ira Hock look on.



Brian C. Shomo, above, director of the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, reads the story "The Magic Hat" in sign language to first-graders at the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf. Started in 1998, *Read Across America* is a way to get kids excited about reading. This program, initiated by the National Education Association, has become the nation's largest reading event. The year-round program culminates each year on or near Dr. Seuss's birthday.



DHS Deputy Commissioner Terri Wilson was accompanied on a recent visit to the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf by DDHH director Brian C. Shomo and Executive Assistant Ira C. Hock, to understand more about the programs and services the school offers deaf and hard of hearing children from across the state of New Jersey. School Superintendent Dennis Russell orchestrated a visit to the lower and middle schools where the deputy commissioner met staff and was brought into the classroom to meet students face to face. Kids with a wide range of signing and speaking skills, with hearing aids and cochlear implants embraced the deputy commissioner during her visit. The deputy commissioner had a fulfilling day at the school and admitted that it was difficult to leave having met so many precious children at the school.

DYFS and Child Welfare Panel Agree on Foster Home Recruitment Effort

As part of the sweeping child welfare reform effort in New Jersey, the Division of Youth and Family Services will devote \$1.7 million to develop resource homes in targeted neighborhoods and serving specific populations, such as adolescents, boarder babies and Hispanic children.

The recruitment plan calls for contracts with community- and faith-based organizations to recruit and develop at least 145 new resource families within 10 months, Human Services Commissioner James Davy announced today. DYFS will provide board payments, clothing allowances and Medicaid to the resource families, while the agencies will provide support services, Davy said.

The community- and faith-based agencies will target specific geographic areas and children whose needs are currently underserved. The targeted recruitment initiatives are part of an overall plan to add 1,000 new resource families during the next year, Davy said.

“Recruiting quality resource parents will be crucial to our success in reforming the child welfare system,” Davy said. “When children must enter foster care, we need to place them as quickly and appropriately as we can. This means we will place children, whenever appropriate, within their own neighborhoods and with parents who will be there for as long as they’re needed.”

DYFS crafted the recruitment plan in conjunction with a court-appointed panel overseeing child welfare reforms that were required under the settlement of a class-action lawsuit that had been filed by Children’s Rights Inc. on behalf of the state’s foster children. The settlement earmarked \$1.5 million for foster home recruitment. DYFS will use those funds and an additional \$156,680 from its current budget to fund the initiatives.

Goals of the targeted recruitment plan are to:

Develop at least 45 homes for adolescents in Middlesex, Essex and Camden counties.

- ✦ DYFS has identified a need for foster homes to serve adolescents, particularly those awaiting discharge from shelters and detention centers.

- ✦ In each of the three counties, DYFS will award a \$175,000-a-year contract to develop at least 15 homes. To expedite the recruitment effort, DYFS will solicit proposals from existing provider agencies in those counties.
- ✦ Add 15 homes for infants, primarily boarder babies, in Essex County.
- ✦ DYFS will initiate a \$150,000 annual contract to develop at least 15 resource homes.
- ✦ Again, given the urgency to begin recruiting, DYFS will solicit proposals from existing providers.

Recruit and develop 60 homes in Newark, Camden, Trenton and Paterson.

- ✦ A large percentage of children from these communities must be placed in foster homes outside their hometowns. DYFS wants to develop additional homes so that children can be kept close to home, whenever it is appropriate.
- ✦ DYFS will seek proposals from faith-based agencies in each of the four communities to develop 15 new resource homes (60 homes total). The four faith-based organizations will receive \$150,000 annual contracts to develop and support the homes.

Add 15 resource homes in Cumberland County for Latino children.

- ✦ More than 20 percent of the children entering foster care in the county are Hispanic.
- ✦ DYFS will issue a request for proposals seeking a community-based organization with experience in the Latino community. The agency will receive a \$150,000-a-year contract to develop and support the 15 resource homes.

Develop 10 new foster homes for Hispanic children in Hudson and Passaic counties.

- ✦ The Hispanic Information Center was already awarded a contract to recruit, develop and support five homes in Hudson County and five in Passaic.
- ✦ Under its contract, the agency will receive \$181,680 this year for recruitment, training, home studies and support services.

ATTENTION READERS: As you can see by this press release, DYFS is looking for foster homes. There are very few homes to care for children with hearing loss. They are seeking foster parents who are fluent in American Sign Language and knowledgeable about children who are hard of hearing, wear hearing aids, and have cochlear implants. If you would like additional information on becoming a foster parent, please contact Denise Smith, Statewide Foster Care Recruitment Coordinator, at (609)292-9642 Voice or denise.smith@dhs.state.nj.us.

ATTENTION: Only NJ state workers, municipal employees, teachers in the state pension system are eligible to register for this very informative workshop.

RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS

Speakers will cover:

- ***Pensions and Benefits***
- ***Social Security***
- ***Financial Planning***

When — Friday, October 1, 2004

Time — 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Where — New Jersey Library for the
Blind and Handicapped, Trenton NJ**

The seminar will be voiced in English. ***Sign Language Interpreters, Realtime Captioning, and Assistive Listening Devices*** will be provided. If you need other accommodations, please contact the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

To obtain a registration form or additional information:

Visit our Web site at:
www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions

Registrations can be faxed to the attention of:
Nikki Kowalski - (609) 292-9500

Questions regarding the seminar can be directed to Nikki at:
Nichole.Kowalski@treas.state.nj.us

— Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. —

Space is very limited - register early!

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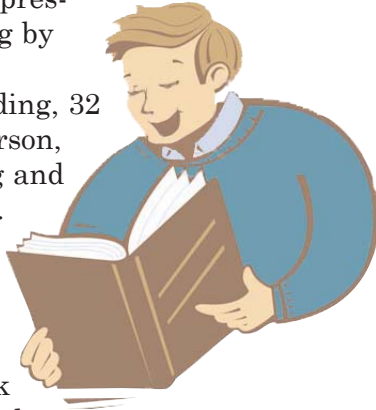
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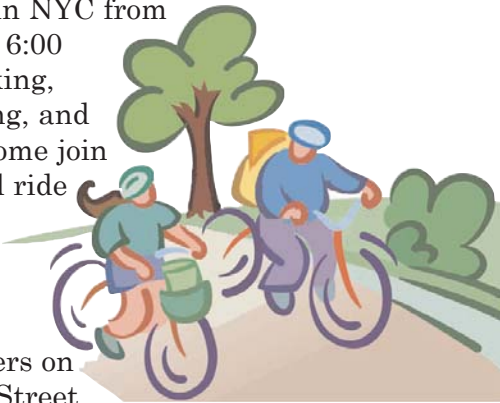
Events Around the Towns . . .

On Saturday, June 5, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County

Community College presents a poetry reading by Mark Doty, at the Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church Street, Paterson, NJ. An open reading and reception will follow. Admission is free. A sign interpreter will be present. A poetry writing workshop is scheduled with Mark Doty at 9:30 a.m. at the Hamilton Club. The fee is \$10. Pre-registration is required. The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College also presents poetry programs at 32 Church Street, Paterson, NJ on the first Saturday of the month, October through June. Receptions follow. Admission is free. A sign language interpreter will be present. For information about specific dates and times, please call Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Director of the Poetry Center, at (973) 684-6555 Voice or visit www.pccc.edu/poetry.

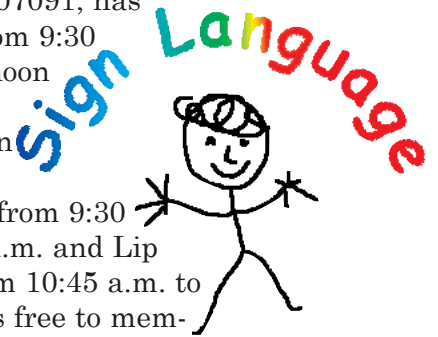


The Second Annual Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association will meet on Saturday, May 22, 2004 at the Hudson River Greenway in NYC from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for biking, rollerblading, and walking. Come join the fun and ride the best waterview in the city! Meet us at Chelsea Piers on West 23rd Street & Hudson River. All proceeds go to Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association FUND. Donation is \$2 or more.



The Hearing Society, located in the First Baptist Church of Westfield, PO Box 2534, Westfield, NJ 07091, has office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursdays only. Classes in Basic Sign

Language are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Lip Reading is from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. It is free to members of the society. For more information, please call Director Kay Schmitt at The Hearing Society at (908) 233-0266 V/TTY. Classes will end for the summer on May 27th and will resume in September.



Show support for Israel and attend the **Israel Day Parade on**

May 23, 2004. Come march with Jewish Deaf Singles Registry (JDSR) and Our Way friends. Eat out afterwards (optional).



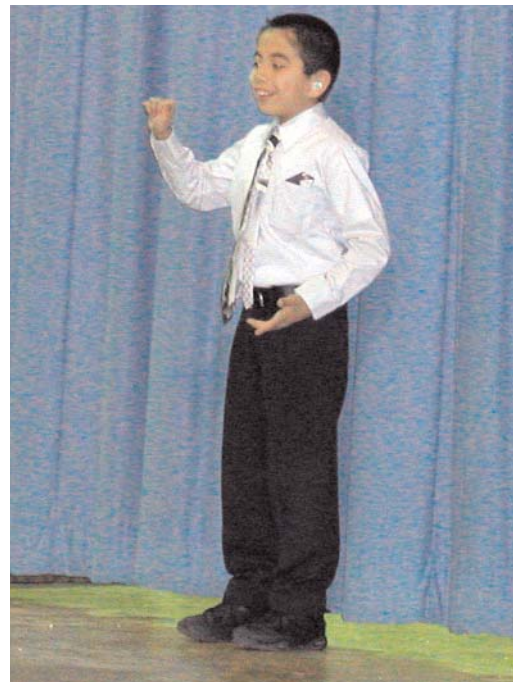
Info: Landau9@optonline.net or (908) 352 7395 Fax or write to JDSR, PO Box 2005, NY, NY 10159-2005,

The Deaf Ministries One-Day

Conference will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. entitled "Are You Free? or Are You a Slave?" The speaker will be Rev. Leslie Bunn. It will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 160 Changebridge Road, Montville, New Jersey 07045. The cost is \$10 per person (lunch and refreshments will be provided). Please make checks payable to Trinity Baptist Church - Deaf Ministries. Info; Leslie Bunn, (973) 252-9651V/TTY or (973) 252-1317 Fax.

DEAF AWARENESS DAY AT SILVER BAY ELEMENTARY

On April 1st, Silver Bay Elementary was the site of Deaf Awareness Day which was sponsored by teacher, Debra Breece and her B-108 class. This year's theme was "I Hope You Dance" which is a song written by Leanne Womack. As the song states "When you get the choice to sit it out or dance. I hope you dance," there was plenty to dance and learn from during this special event. NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing director, Brian C. Shomo was the day's featured speaker while Canine Hearing Companions, Sign-a-Tures from Kean University, and ASL storytellers Mary Ann Pedro and Henrietta Ridgway also gave presentations to the crowd of 200 plus. Deaf and hard of hearing students, teachers, college students, and parents came from all over Ocean County, Cape May County, Monmouth County and as far as Mercer County to attend the event. Michelle Stover closed the day with a signed rendition of "I Hope You Dance." Hats off to Debra Breece and her B-108 class.



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Deaf Expo 2004 East
Country's Largest Consumer Trade Show Targeted
at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Market

Fort Washington Expo Center
Fort Washington, Pennsylvania

Friday, Saturday, May 7-8

Info: www.deafexpo.org, (877) 890-9458 TTY,
(877) 295-4899 Voice

Entertainment and many activities for all ages!

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We are pleased to announce two upcoming performances which will be sign-interpreted.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Saturday May 8th at 11:00 a.m.

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

Wednesday July 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Info: Ellen Beattie or box office at (732) 548-4670 Voice, forumtheatrecompany.com.

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Trenton Silent Club Inc.
Treasure Hunt Game
June 19, 2004
6 p.m. - 12 Midnight

Donation members \$7 and
non-members \$9
at 320 Sully Ave.,
Hamilton NJ 08610
Info: Gilda Chiarello, (609) 393-5132 Fax



Diverse Deaf Club of NJ's
"Super Dingo Game"
Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m.
and
Saturday, June 5th at 7 p.m.

at
Our Lady of Peace Church's Parish Center
1740 Rte 130 North Brunswick, NJ

Members: \$7, non-members: \$9
Special Door Prizes for Father's Day
Refreshments on Sale - 50/50 Chances
Welcome all student/Interpreters over 18 years old to participate.
Info: Burncake@aol.com

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Ocean Deaf Club

Freeholder Gerry Little will speak about services for the
Deaf in Ocean County
and will provide a question and answer time.
Interpreters: Kathy Ande and Amy Shiffermiller

May 15

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

101 Orchard St., Lakehurst, NJ

Lingo will immediately follow at 8 p.m.

Members - \$8, Non-members - \$10

No children

Opens at 6:30 p.m.

Info: ODCPresident2@aol.com

NJDEAF, Inc. New Jersey Deaf Education Affiliates

proudly presents

Spring Symposium 2004

**“Preparing Pre-Service Teachers of the
Deaf for the Classrooms of Tomorrow”**

The LRC-Learning Resource Center-

Central, Dayton, NJ

Friday, May 21, 2004 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Who should attend? Pre-Service Teachers (current college students); Current
and Prospective Cooperating Teachers; Program Supervisors/Principals;
Other interested service providers.

Catered Lunch.

Registration brochures mailed to schools, programs, membership.

Info: Candi Mascia Reed: reedspad@verizon.net, NJDEAF.org, njdeaf@yahoo.com

NJDEAF is a Professional Provider. CEU's also provided.

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Bickford Theatre (professional theatre; senior member of the NJ Theatre Alliance)
6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown NJ 07960

You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running

May 13, 2004 through June 6, 2004

Thurs., Fri. Sat. @ 8 p.m.; Sun. @ 2 p.m.

**\$27 General Public, \$24 Senior Citizens and
Members of the Deaf/hard of hearing community
\$13 Students (18 and under or with valid college ID)
\$20 Group Rate (10 or more)**

The topic is sex, in all its mysterious and fascinating manifestations. Four short plays make up the evening of this hilarious Broadway smash hit comedy. "The Shock of Recognition" asks if a nude scene on stage is absolutely necessary; "I'll Be Home For Christmas" shows parents discussing the sex education of their almost adult-children; "The Footsteps of Doves" follows a couple shopping for a new bed after 25 years of marriage; and "I'm Herbert" about two very old people sitting on a porch in rocking chairs, discussing their previous marriages and flings, but both are hazy on the details.

Sign Interpreted Performances: Friday May 21 @ 8 p.m. & Sunday May 23 @ 2 p.m.

Open Captioned Performance: Friday, June 4 @ 8 p.m.

Info: www.morrismuseum.org, information@morrismuseum.org, 973-538-7945 Fax,
Box Office: (973)-971-3706 Voice

Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey

DAWN, Inc. is sponsoring a monthly social for all Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey.

May 19, 2004

Saint Clare's Hospital, 400 W. Blackwell St., Dover, NJ 07801

1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 1st Floor Cafeteria

Guest Speaker: Mr. Dennis P. Russell, Superintendent,

Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf (1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

**Topic: Future of the Deaf School, Changes in Education for the
Deaf in NJ, and Future Deaf/HH Assisted Living Home.**

Interpreter will be provided. Refreshments served. Parking is available in the visitor parking lot.

If you need any other type of special accommodations, call the office at the numbers listed below
at least two weeks prior to the event. To comply with hospital policy,
all visitors must stop at the front desk in the lobby to obtain a visitor's pass.

Non seniors welcome!

Info: Lila Taylor, Deaf Outreach Specialist, ltaylor09@aol.com, (973) 361-5666 Voice, (973) 361-7086 Fax,
(973) 361-6032 TTY, 888-383-DAWN, info@dawninc.org,
DAWN, Inc. 400 S. Main St., Suite #3, Wharton, NJ 07885

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Powhatan Renape Nation American Indian Arts Festival Saturday & Sunday, May 22 & 23, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

American Indian music, dance, artistry, cultural crafts, oral histories, demonstrations, and cuisine. More than 100 artists, woodcarvers, clayworks, silversmiths, potters, sandpainters, sculptors, drummakers, weavers, and basketmakers.

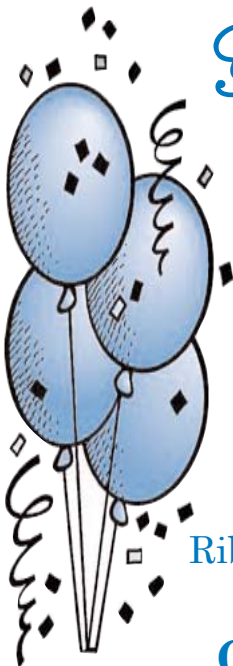
Admission is payable upon entrance, adults, \$10, seniors and children 6-12, \$5. Children 5 and under are FREE! Parking is FREE!

Info: www.powhatan.org or call (609) 261-4747 Voice.

This event is accessible to all persons and will be interpreted, in part, in ASL. With a minimum two weeks advance notice, all efforts will be made to accommodate special needs.

Rankokus Indian Reservation, take Route 295 at Exit 45A, or the NJ Turnpike, Exit 5.

From the exit, follow directional signs to
Rancocas Road, Westampton Township, Burlington County.



Grand Opening – New Home Office

The Board of New Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Wish to announce their new home office located at

The Tower Clock Building
Suite 18 - 20, 320 Sullivan Way
Katzenbach Campus
West Trenton, NJ

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 4, 2004 at
2:00 p.m. Reception will follow.

Open House - Friday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm

R.S.V.P. - NJADsecretary@aol.com

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New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Les Misérables

Wednesday, June 9 through Sunday, June 13
(*Open Captioned on June 10 evening performance only)

Prudential Hall

Ticket Prices: \$74 - \$17

Les Misérables is the epic musical story of the fugitive Jean Valjean, who is pitted against the cruel and self-righteous Inspector Javert in a lifelong struggle to evade capture. This stunning adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel has thrilled over 50 million people worldwide, winning over 50 theater awards, including eight 1987 Tony® Awards.

Info: 1-888-466-5722 Voice
Order Online @ www.njpac.org

Deaf Ministry
Gingo Night
Saturday, June 12

6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.

\$7 per person if paid in advance; \$10 per person if paid at door

Special - This month only, \$1 off for men only, when paid in advance!

First come, first served! No outside food & beverages allowed.

Proceeds benefit St. Gregory's.

St. Gregory's Church(Basement), 340 E. Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, N.J. 08049
(Corner of White Horse Pike/Rt. 30)

Door will open at 6:00 p.m. - No early birds please!

If paying at door, cash only.

Info: (856) 627-0009 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 Fax, deafministrynj@yahoo.com

Make check payable to Deaf Ministry and mail to: 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034,
no later than June 5, 2004.

Adults only (21 years old and up), No children! No refunds

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26th Annual Creation '04

The Nation's Largest Christian Festival

June 23 to June 26

The Agape Farm, Mt. Union PA

Speakers, Seminars, Music, Children's Ministry, Exhibits, Modern Worship,
Contests & Give-Aways, Meet the Artists, Food Court, Huge Astrovision
Video Screens, Beautiful Location, Mountain Trails, Free Camping.

Sign Language Interpreters Provided

Volunteers are welcome!

For tickets and more information, www.creationfest.com or
(800)-327-6921 Voice

Friendly Society Club of Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Martell's Tiki Bar, July 3, 2004 (Early Fireworks)

Must be over 21 years old. Bring ID

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free admission (after 7:00 p.m. Cost-TBD)

Jenkinsons's Nightclub, July 4, 2004 (Fireworks)

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free admission (after 7:00 p.m.. Cost TBD)

Family and Kids, Jenkinsons's Beach

July 3, 2004 & July 4, 2004 (Fireworks),

Jenkinson's Beach,

Boardwalk & Aquarium

300 Ocean Ave, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

For beach See Purple Balloon for booth.Info:

www.pointpleasantbeach.com/boardwalk.htm, (732) 892-0600 Voice

Friendly Society of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, njfsd@aol.com

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Portuguese Deaf Club

Public Festivals

May 29, June 5 (Parade), 6, 26;

July 13, 17, 24;

August 7, 14, 28;

September 11, 18.

Portuguese Social Club Hall

409 Route 1&9 and S. Broad St., to Grove St., Elizabeth, NJ

6:00 p.m. to midnight

food, & drinks will be provided

Info: Delfim Fragueiro at delfimfragueiro708@hotmail.com, mcsao@optonline.net

Surflight Theatre in Beach Haven, NJ
presents **John Davidson in**

STATE FAIR June 16 - July 3

Open Captioned Performance on Friday, June 18,
2:00 p.m.

\$25 for Adults, \$15 for Children 12 & under.

Special rates available for groups of 15 or more.

TV, Stage and Screen star John Davidson re-creates his Broadway leading role. Set against the colorful backdrop of an American heartland tradition, STATE FAIR travels with the Frake family as they leave behind the routine of the farm for three days of adventure at the annual Iowa State Fair. STATE FAIR is the kind of warm-hearted family entertainment only Rodgers & Hammerstein could deliver!

Info: (609) 492-9477 Voice, (609) 492-4469 Fax, www.surflight.org

This open captioned performance is made possible by The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey in cooperation with the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.



Calendar of Events 2004

Saturday, June 5

Northwest Jersey Association
of the Deaf. Inc.

Wallyball & Swim Fun Night! for Adults & Kids!

**Wallyball, Racquetball,
Basketball, & Swimming**
Spa 23, Pompton Lakes, NJ
www.nwjad.org

Saturday, June 5th

Good Luck Miss Deaf NJ Party
Victorian-Manor, Edison, NJ
TBA

Saturday, June 12

DDHH 20th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Six Flags Great Adventure

Jackson, NJ

Ticket info: Lauren Lercher
GATickets@aol.com

June 25 - 27, 2004

Third Annual JDSR Retreat!
Hebrew Institute of White Plains, NY
Info: Landau9@optonline.net,
908 352 7395 Fax

DDHH Office Closed - May 31, July 5

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